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SUBJ: BELIZE: VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT TALKS WITH PANAMANIAN,  
JAMAICANS AND MEXICANS

1. IN A JUNE 28 LETTER TO THE NEWSPAPER LA HORA, VICE  
PRESIDENT-ELECT VILLAGRAN KRAMER DENIED A RUMOR THAT HE  
HAD EXTENDED INVITATION TO TORRIJOS TO ATTEND LUCAS  
INAUGURATION JULY 1. HOWEVER, HE CONFIRMED THAT HE  
HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH TORRIJOS "ABOUT SUBJECTS OF INTEREST  
TO GUATEMALA" AND REVEALED FOR FIRST TIME THAT HE HAD  
ALSO TALKED RECENTLY WITH JAMAICAN PRIME MINISTER MANLEY  
AS WELL AS THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF MEXICO, VENEZUELA  
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AND BARBADOS.

2. WE HAVE IT FROM UK CONSULATE (WHICH HAD CONTACT WITH  
VILLAGRAN ON HIS RETURN TO GUATEMALA FROM MIAMI MEETING WITH  
UK NEGOTIATOR ROWLANDS AND FROM OASGA) THAT VILLAGRAN SAID  
HE HAD SOUNDED OUT MANLEY ABOUT HIS VISION OF INTERNATIONALIZING  
THE BELIZE DISCUSSIONS TO BRING IN THE CENTRAL

AMERICANS AND THE CARIBBEANS. HE ALSO FLOATED THE HERETICAL IDEA OF HOLDING THE NEXT NEGOTIATING ROUND IN BARBADOS, BELIZE'S MOST OUTSPOKEN SUPPORTER. (IT IS ALMOST A YEAR SINCE BARBADOS EMBARGOED AN AMMUNITION SHIPMENT CONSIGNED TO THE GOG.) MANLEY SUPPOSEDLY GAVE VILLAGRAN ENCOURAGEMENT ON BOTH COUNTS. IN MEXICO, VILLAGRAN SAID HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES FROM PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO (IN THE PRESENCE OF FONMIN ROEL) THAT MEXICO WOULD NOT ACTIVATE ITS TERRITORIAL CLAIM IN THE EVENT OF A SETTLEMENT (EVEN ONE INVOLVING TERRITORIAL TRANSFER) ACCEPTABLE BOTH TO THE BELIZEANS AND THE GUATEMALANS. VILLAGRAN ALSO TOLD OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES THAT HE HOPED TO DO SOME PERSONAL LOBBYING WITH TRINIDADIAN PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS.

3. COMMENT. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN HOW MUCH OF VILLAGRAN'S PRE-INAUGURAL WHEELING AND DEALING HAS THE BLESSING OF LUCAS AND FOREIGN MINISTER-DESIGNATE RAFAEL CASTILLO VALDEZ, WHO MAY QUICKLY BECOME RESENTFUL OF VILLAGRAN'S FLAIR FOR CAPTURING THE LIMELIGHT. OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION, MOREOVER, IS THAT VILLAGRAN'S CONCEPTION OF WHAT MIGHT CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT FORMULA IS A GOOD DEAL SOFTER THAN EITHER LUCAS' OR CASTILLO VALDEZ'S. SOME OF THE CREDIT WILL GO TO VILLAGRAN SHOULD GUATEMALA MANAGE TO COME AWAY FROM THE OASGA RELATIVELY UNSCATHED ON BELIZE. IF NOT, HIS STOCK COULD EASILY PLUMMET.

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